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Summary

11. (SBU) The Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on September 7 to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

12. (SBU) On September 7, the DCM chaired a meeting of the core EAC to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

Upcoming Events

13. (SBU) OMC raised the upcoming visit of Lieutenant General Walter E. Buchanan III, Commander, U.S. Central Command Air Forces, from September 10-11. RSO noted that security issues regarding the General's visit are being coordinated with the Royal Oman Police (ROP).

Sustained Vigilance

14. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

15. (SBU) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on September 5 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO (Duty Officer), ARSO, PAO, CONS, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.

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